

## **Explanatory memorandum Changes to BSS Rules 2024**

### **Interpretation**

#### **Rule 1**

New defined terms – aggrieved, dispute resolution centre

### **Grievance procedures**

**Rules 18A – 18F** provide for a grievance process within incorporated associations.

Although the registered BSS rules have an appeal procedure in Rules 15-17, these Rules do not allow for mediation.

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*Associations Incorporation Act 1981*

*S 47A(2) The grievance procedure **must** include mediation and may provide for a person to decide the outcome of the dispute. [emphasis added]*

Therefore, making this addition to the BSS Rules is necessary for them to be in conformity with the legislation.

### **Membership of management committee Rule 24**

Some years ago, the then president of the BSS argued that the term for each member of the management committee should be two years (although each member would be able to retire earlier if he or she wished) because he was worried about the transfer of knowledge to incoming members – there should always be some new and some continuing people on any committee was his rationale. This rationale is not as pertinent as it once was to the running of the BSS because most of the knowledge is now in digital form, with procedures and processes set out for the operation of the BSS and, more importantly, for the running of the annual show. An enormous amount of work has gone into this aspect of the BSS over the last two years.

Additionally, the Model Rules (Schedule 4 to the *Associations Incorporation Regulation 1999 Qld*) provide for one year terms – this gives the membership greater control over the membership of the management committee each year at the AGM. Thus, R 24(3) of the current Rules has been replaced with a proposed new subrule (3) for one year terms for committee members. Note, however, that committee members may re-nominate at each AGM. There is no maximum term for a management committee member.

### **Notice of general meeting Rule 40**

Rule 40 does not cater to the meeting schedule of the BSS, in that a list of general meeting dates is notified at the beginning of each year to the members. Because of this, it has been the practice not to expressly give the members a 14 day notification of each general meeting the BSS holds.

Therefore, for clarity, the following subrule has been added to Rule 40

(2A) Rules 40 – 44 do not apply to monthly general meetings as notified in the association’s annual list of meeting dates.

### **Funds and accounts Rule 50**

Subrule 3 provides for the payment of invoices by the association by cheque. Even the Model Rules specify cheques. There is no mention of credit card or of debit card payment of invoices by the association.

Because cheques are rapidly being phased out, and the use of credit and debit cards is a recognised and widespread method of payment, Rule 50 has been redrafted to accommodate this.

Thus, in subrule (4) , 'authorised credit card or visa debit card' has been added, and a definition of what 'authorised credit card or visa debit card' means has been inserted.

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